From the Board... written by Ralph Lentz

2015 Greetings from your HOA Board!

The Annual meeting was held at Grass Lake Elementary on Nov 18th. Ralph Lentz, Jerry Guddat and Larry Garcia were elected to two-year terms. Ralph will continue as President, Jerry is the new Vice President and Larry is the new Treasurer. Barbra Rom continues as the Secretary, Mike Evans CAM, and Phil Boldman ACC. A vacancy still exists on the Board & if any homeowner is interested in serving on the board, please contact the office for more information.

An idea was raised at the Annual Meeting on how to save on postage and printing costs & subsequently approved by the Board. The idea is to provide an option for home owners to receive copies of future newsletters & the contact directory electronically or by US Mail. We are also in the process of updating our contact directory. Please fill out & update the information document included with this newsletter & indicate your preference on how you’d like to receive future newsletters & the contact directory. You can return this to the office via fax, e-mail, USPS or by dropping it off at the HOA Office located in the US Bank in Covington.

Mr. Norton Posey, project engineer from the King County Department of Roads provided an update on the Covington-Sawyer Road project at the Annual Meeting. He addressed the reason for the construction and the projected construction phases. The next phase in the project involves installing new street lighting in the construction area, which will facilitate the actual construction. Road construction is now projected to start late March or early April. During construction, single lanes will be closed during off peak traffic hours (8:30AM - 3 PM). When it is done, we will have better lighting and a turn lane on Covington-Sawyer. For the most current project information, go to the King County project website at: http://your.kingcounty.gov/kcdot/roads/cip/ProjectDetail.aspx?CIPID=1116541.

Another project of interest is the Covington Way SE Road closure to facilitate sewer main construction. The road will be closed from February 23 through mid-May. Upon completion of that section of the project, Wax Road between Covington Way and the elementary school will be closed until July. Please plan accordingly and allow extra time to navigate or bypass these projects. For the most current information, go to the water district website at: http://www.sooscreek.com/projects/lift-station-46.

Spring is here and it’s time to clean up our yards. We will be having our Spring Yard Waste Day, April 18. We are looking at alternatives to using dumpsters but may still need volunteer help. Please contact the HOA office if you are interested in helping and keep up to date on this event by visiting: winterwoodhoa.com.
If you are removing trees or making any other property changes (to include mailbox stand changes), as identified in the covenants, please complete an ACC request. The request form can be located on the Winterwood website or at the top of the stairs at the US Bank in Covington.

Once the ACC request is filled out, please send it into the office via fax 253-631-0988 or e-mail winterwoodhoa@comcast.net.

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**Yard Waste Day** — April 18th, 2015

Time: 9 to 1 p.m.

We need volunteers in order for this event to continue in the future. Please contact the office & let us know if you can help!

**Community Garage Sale** — June 6th, 2015

Time: 9 to 3 p.m.

**Annual Meeting** — November 17th, 2015

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**Street light outages** should be reported to Puget Sound Energy by contacting them at:

https://pse.com/accountsandservices/ServiceAlert/Pages/Street-Light-Problem.aspx

Security & safety is an ongoing concern. As you walk the neighborhood or start working outdoors again this year, be aware of your surroundings and watch for suspicious **vehicles** or **activity**. Take a picture of the vehicle and report to the authorities any activity that seems to be out of place. Keep your garage doors closed if you are not working in your front yard, for extra security. If you are walking, please wear attire that makes you **visible** to vehicles. Wildlife such as elk, deer, bear, bobcat, and raccoon have all been observed in our neighborhood. Physical contact with these animals should be avoided at all times and please do not feed them!

We ask residents to continue to be vigilant & to please call the Sheriff at 206-296-3311 to file a report or call 911 if it is an emergency.

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